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WASTE LAND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government lias received any proposals from State Governments including Bihar for wasteland development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon, so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of proposals pending before the Union Government for wasteland development, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which all these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSFIAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (d) The Department of Land Resources is not implementing any scheme exclusively for wasteland development. However, the Department is implementing the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) since 2009-10 for the development of rainfed/degraded areas including wasteland in the country. Major activities taken up under the IWMP inter alia include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, construction of rainwater harvesting structures, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihood for asset less persons. These activities are implemented through dedicated institutional structures at the State, district and village levels. The details of proposals received from State Governments including Bihar under the IWMP and action taken by the Department are given at the Annexure-I. From the year 2015-16, the IWMP has become the Watershed Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchaycc Yojana (PMKSY).